

A. D. 1768. Road, shall, and are hereby impowered and directed, to make an accurate Plan thereof; and the same to return, with an Account of their Proceedings, to the next Inferior Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be thereafter respectively held for the Counties aforesaid; and the Justices of the said respective Courts are hereby directed to receive the same, and are thereupon ordered and authorized to appoint so many Overseers of the said Road within their respective Counties, as to the said Justices shall, from Time to Time, appear convenient and necessary; and the said Overseers, and the Inhabitants of the said Counties, respectively, being contiguous to the said Road, shall be subject to open, clear, and work on the same, so to be marked, staked, and laid out as aforesaid; under the same Regulations, and shall be liable to the same Fines and Penalties, prescribed and inflicted on Delinquents, by an Act of Assembly, intituled, *An Act to impower the Inferior Courts of the several Counties in this Province to order the laying out of public Roads, and establish and settle Ferries; and to appoint where Bridges shall be built, for the Use and Ease of the Inhabitants of this Province, and to clear navigable Rivers and Creeks.*

C H A P. XXV.

An Act for annexing Part of Northampton County to the County of Bute.

Private.

I. **W**HEREAS the Inhabitants of the upper or westernmost Corner of Northampton County labour under great Inconveniencies, in attending the Courts, and other public Meetings, of the said County, at the Court-House thereof; and being more convenient for those Purposes to the County of Bute, are desirous of being annexed thereto:

County divided.

II. *BE it Enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That Thomas Eaton, Willie Jones, and Benjamin Person, Esquires, be, and are hereby appointed Commissioners; and they, or the Majority of them, are required and directed, within Three Months after the passing of this Act, to run and mark (or cause the same to be done) a Line from Roanoke River Bank, opposite the Mouth of Stone House Creek, a due North Course to the dividing Line between this Province and the Colony of Virginia; and all that Part bounded to the Eastward, by the Line above directed to be marked, and to the Northward by the Virginia Line, to where it crosses Roanoke River, shall be, and is hereby annexed to, and made Part of the County of Bute; and the Inhabitants thereof shall be subject and liable to the same Rules, Orders, Taxes, and Privileges, as any other of the Inhabitants of the said County of Bute.*

Not to hinder the Sheriff for distraining for Taxes, as before the Division.

III. *PROVIDED always, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to hinder the Sheriff of the County of Northampton from collecting or distraining for any Taxes, or Arrears of Taxes now due, and which he, as Sheriff of Northampton, is or may be accountable for, from any Inhabitants within the Bounds above described.*

C H A P. XXVI.

An Act for establishing a Town on the Land of William Gray, on Cushie River, in Bertie County.

Private.

I. **W**HEREAS it hath been represented to this Assembly that the Land of William Gray, lying on the South Side of Cushie River, at a Place known by the Name of Gray's Landing, in Bertie County, is a pleasant and healthy Situation, and commodious for Trade and Commerce; and the said William Gray having acknowledged his free Consent to have One Hundred Acres of the said Land laid off for a Town, which will greatly promote the Trade and Navigation of the said River:

Windfor erected.

II. *BE it therefore Enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That the said One Hundred Acres of Land, beginning at a Stake by a small Branch on the River Side, and running thence North Forty Two Degrees West One Hundred and Sixty Eight Poles; then North Twenty One Degrees East Forty Poles; then North Sixty Five Degrees East One Hundred and Twenty Two Poles, to the Centre of a Hickory, White Oak, and Maple, on the said River Side; and then down the Meanders of the said River to the Beginning; laid off in Lots and Streets, with Part thereof for a Common, according to a Plan laid before this Assembly, be, and the same is hereby constituted, erected, and established a Town, and shall be called by the Name of Windfor.*

Directors appointed.

III. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this Act, Cullen Pollock, and John Dawson, Esquires, Thomas Ballard, William Williams, and David Stanley, Gentlemen, be, and they and every of them, are hereby constituted Directors and Trustees, for designing, building, and carrying on the said Town; and they shall stand seized of an indefeasible Estate, in Fee-Simple, of and in the said One Hundred Acres of Land, laid off as aforesaid, to and for the Uses, Intents, and Purposes, hereby expressed and declared; except Four Lots, known and described in the aforesaid Plan by their respective Numbers Eleven, Twelve, Eighty Four, and Eighty Six, which are hereby reserved, to the only Use and Behoof of the said William Gray, his Heirs and Assigns, for ever: And the said Directors, or any Three of them, shall have full Power and Authority to meet as often as they shall think necessary; and to appoint a public Quay, at such Place on the said River, within the Bounds of the said Town, for a public Landing, as to them shall seem meet.*